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everyone knows what pelicans look like *by Scott-Patrick Mitchell*

these pelicans appear evenly
, sitting on lamp-posts
along the Kwinana
heading north, toward the city

. these pelicans look at heaven
& all they can muster is a yawn

. they have no interest
in the myth & astrology
human's have wedged
into the dawning night sky

. the unmerging bumper exhaust
sloth chaos beneath them
is also a human distraction

. occasionally a car-crash
sparkling glass bitumen
diamond glints their attention

, but they do not dive

. instead they eye
, are engrossed by
the algae-blossoming swan
rivering fishes to swim
the indian sun

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